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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS FOR PANEL OF JURISTS

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1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH YOU ON RETURN AUGUST 16. SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE MEMBERS OF NAMIBIA PANEL OF JURISTS FOLLOW.

2. C.D. ONYEAMA, WHO SERVED AS A JUDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WITH MUCH DISTINCTION UNTIL 1976. ONYEAMA HAD HAD WIDE JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE ON NIGERIAN COURTS BEFORE ELECTION TO ICJ. HE WAS POLITICALLY SOMEWHAT COMPROMISED BY HIS SYMPATHY FOR IBO CAUSE AND WAS NOT NOMINATED FOR RE-ELECTION TWO YEARS AGO BY NIGERIA (THOUGH HE WAS BY SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS). NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF HIS CAPACITY, JUDGEMENT, INDEPENDENCE AND EXCELLENT REPUTATION ON ICJ, HE WOULD BE AN OUTSTANDING PANEL MEMBER AND A FINE CHAIRMAN, AND, IF AFRICANS NO LONGER HOLD IBO ASSOCIATIONS AGAINST HIM, AN APPEALING APPOINTEE.

3. CHIEF ABEDO, ALSO NIGERIAN, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITAR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA TO UN. ANOTHER
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NIGERIAN OF GREAT GOOD SENSE AND PRESENCE. WHILE LEGALLY TRAINED IN ENGLAND AND A MEMBER OF THE ENGLISH BAR, HE DOES NOT HAVE JUDICIAL AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE TO MATCH ONYEAMA'S.

4. FLORENTINO FELICIANO, A VIGOROUS FILIPINO PRACTICING LAWYER IN MANILA OF OUTSTANDING INTELLECT AND INTEGRITY. HE HOLD A DOCTORATE FROM YALE WHERE HE CO-AUTHORED A TOME ON

COERCION WITH MYRES MCDUGAL.

5. MUSTAPHA YASSEEN, AN IRAQI INTERNATIONAL AND CRIMINAL LAWYER OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE (LARGELY INTERNATIONAL). HE SERVED ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND MANY UN LEGAL BODIES FOR YEARS, BUT FELL OUT WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND NOW ADVISES UAE AND OTHERWISE KEEPS GOING IN GENEVA. WHILE ACUTE, RESOURCEFUL AND SMOOTH, HE IS LEFT-WING AND CAPABLE OF BEING INCENDIARY.

6. AMONG OTHERS TO BE CHECKED OUT WOULD BE RECENT UNELECTED CANDIDATES FOR THE ICJ, SUCH AS FERNANDES OF CEYLON. FOUAD AMMOUN, FORMER ICJ JUDGE FROM LEBANON, MAY BE ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, BUT HIS AGE AND HEALTH MAY NOT BE UP TO JOB. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS MIGHT BE SOURCE FOR SUGGESTIONS AND, IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, I CAN CONSULT IT AT ITS GENEVA HEADQUARTERS. SORENSON

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